Upgradation of Passengers in Air India Flights

2892. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 915 given in Rajya Sabha on 27th November, 2001 and state:—

(a) what was the category under which the two persons were upgraded from Economy to Executive Class;

(b) what is the criteria for the priority in such cases;

(c) whether the passengers who were not upgraded come under the two or three eligible categories;

(d) whether some of these passengers were told that they have been upgraded and would get their boarding cards inside the aircraft; and

(e) if so, the action to be taken against the officials guilty of misleading the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) One passenger was upgraded for commercial reasons. The second passenger was upgraded in accordance with a special package devised by Air India for Government servants as part of their commercial policy.

(c) The passengers who could not be upgraded came under the category of Government of India/Commercial.

(d) and (e) No passenger was advised that he was to be upgraded and that the broading card would be given inside the aircraft.

Government's stand on Disinvestment of IA

2893. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow the Indian Airlines to buy additional 40 aircrafts over the period of five years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government have now given up the idea of disinvestment in the Indian Airlines; and